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The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Community Development Commission
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Commissioners:

**REPROGRAM UNEXPENDED FUNDS FOR SERVICES AND OPERATIONS COSTS FOR
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LOS ANGELES, INC.
(DISTRICT 4) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This letter recommends reprogramming \$28,324 in County General Funds (CGF) allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District from the United States Veterans Initiative (US VETS) Long Beach Homeless Mental Health project to Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. (Catholic Charities) for the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, an emergency shelter program for homeless families and individuals in the City of Long Beach.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the approval of additional funds for the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as described herein, because the activities will not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.
2. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to reprogram \$28,324 in unexpended CGF, originally granted to the US VETS for the Long Beach Homeless Mental Health program, to be granted to Catholic Charities to fund services and operations costs for the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence.
3. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to transfer to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) a total of up to \$28,324 in CGF allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District, which will then be granted to Catholic Charities for the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Commission to transfer \$28,324 in CGF to LAHSA. These funds will then be granted to Catholic Charities to fund services and operations costs for the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, at its facilities located on the campus of Villages at Cabrillo, at 2241 Williams Street in the City of Long Beach.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The actions described herein will be funded with a portion of the \$20,000,000 in CGF approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 20, 2005, to fund the construction and/or renovation of year-round emergency shelters and enhancements to the homeless support system.

On November 22, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved allocating \$3,600,000 in CGF to each Supervisorial District with a ten percent administrative fee, in the total amount of \$2,000,000, reserved for the Commission.

The proposed transfer of funds from the Commission to LAHSA will reprogram \$28,324 in unexpended Fourth District CGF from the US VETS Homeless Mental Health project to Catholic Charities to fund services and operations costs for the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In order to address the large numbers of homeless individuals and families and the corresponding critical shortage of beds in Los Angeles County, on June 20, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved an allocation of \$20,000,000 for the construction and/or renovation of year-round emergency shelters and enhancements to the homeless support system.

On November 22, 2005, the Board of Supervisors directed the Commission to administer the funding and oversee all of the projects. The Board also instituted a method by which each Board Office selects recipients of the funds based on agency experience and the need for homeless services in the community, among other considerations.

On October 16, 2007, the Board of Commissioners approved an allocation of \$400,000 in Fourth District CGF for services costs associated with the US VETS Homeless Mental Health project. On March 2, 2010, the Board of Commissioners approved an additional allocation of \$200,000 in Fourth District CGF for this project. This project was completed on June 30, 2011 with an unexpended balance of \$28,324.

On August 30, 2011, the Board of Commissioners approved an allocation of \$193,787 in Fourth District CGF to fund services and operations costs for Catholic Charities' Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence. The proposed actions will reprogram the unexpended funds from the US VETS project to the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence. The total of \$28,324 in CGF will be transferred to LAHSA, to be administered pursuant to an Interagency Agreement between the Commission and LAHSA. LAHSA will subsequently enter into a contract with Catholic Charities to utilize these funds for the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence.

Catholic Charities' Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence is a 44-bed emergency shelter program that serves homeless families, pregnant women, disabled single persons, and seniors. The maximum stay in the shelter is 45 days. The main objective of the program is to move families, pregnant women and single persons from "in crisis" to "safe and stable" housing. On a case by case basis,

clients may remain for a period longer than 90 days if they require a longer period to accomplish a specific goal. Catholic Charities provides breakfast, lunch and dinner meals to each client. Services provided on site include case management, life skills workshops, health care, and mental health care.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Funding for services and operations costs at the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence facilities is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because it does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these actions will allow for continued emergency shelter and services to be provided for homeless families, pregnant women, disabled persons, and seniors.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Rogan", followed by a horizontal line.

SEAN ROGAN

Executive Director

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